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June 8, 2009  
Subject: **Ferry Boat Construction**  
Federal Project No: FBD-1168(100)X  
State Pin No: 011681.00  
**Amendment No. 4**

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

**Question:** Concerning, the Maine Car Ferry Section 14.0 Paint & Coating part 14.3, the Paint Schedule is outdated and consequently we can not get a quote on this. Can you provide an updated Paint Schedule?

**Response:** The Paint schedule has been confirmed with International Paints prior to the RFP being published. If the shipyard determines that a specific paint number is no longer available, they are allowed to propose an equal paint. Section 14.1 is clear the "paint application shall be applied in strict accordance with the coating system manufacturer's recommendations." If in fact the shipyard's OEM paint rep does not believe the paint schedule is consistent with their OEM recommendations, they can propose an equal system that is consistent with the specified paint schedule.

**Question:** Would the State of Maine accept the substitution of cash escrows to satisfy the bonding requirement? Or a combination of bonding and cash escrows which equals the required 100% of the contract bid?

**Response:** The State of Maine is bound by Maine Statute - Title 14MRSA 871 which requires a "Performance Bond" and "Payment Bond" or "Letter of Credit" equal to the full contract amount for any construction contract valued exceeding \$125,000. Anything that does not comply with this law would not be allowed. Cash escrows are not described as an acceptable method, so they would not be allowed.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on June 10, 2009.

Sincerely,

Scott Bickford  
Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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